Mercurii 25 Die Novembris, 1702.

Ordered,

THAT the Evidence given at the Bar of this Houſe, upon the Charge of Sir John Pakington *againſt* William *Lord Biſhop of* Worceſter *and Mr.* Lloyd *his Son, be Printed; Together with the Proceedings of this Houſe thereupon.*

Paul Jodrell, *Cl' Dom' Com'*

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THE EVIDENCE AND PROCEEDINGS AGAINST *WILLIAM* Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, &c.

Lunæ 2 die Novembris, 1702.

A Complaint being made to the Houſe by Sir *John Pakington*, againſt the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter* and Mr. *Lloyd* his Son, relating to the Rights and Privileges of the Houſe of Commons;

Reſolved,

That a Day be appointed to take into Conſideration the ſaid Complaint.

Ordered,

That the ſame be taken into Conſideration upon *Wedneſday* the Eighteenth Day of *November* Inſtant.

Mercurii 18 die Novembris, 1702.

THE Houſe (according to the Order of the Day) proceeded to take into Conſideration the Complaint made by Sir *John Pakington*, the Second Inſtant, againſt the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter* and Mr. *Lloyd* his Son, relating to the Rights and Privileges of the Houſe of Commons. And Sir *John Pakington* in his Place acquainted the Houſe, That he had reduced the Matter of the ſaid Complaint into ſeveral Heads; which he read in his Place, and are as follows.

I. That

I. THat ſoon after the laſt Parliament roſe, the Biſhop of Worceſter took upon him to ſend to me to deſiſt from ſtanding to be elected Knight for that County, and to threaten me, That if I would not deſiſt, he ſhould think himſelf obliged to ſpeak againſt me to his Clergy.

II. He ſent ſome Letters himſelf, and his Secretary ſent others, to ſeveral of his Clergy, with Directions to make what Intereſt they could againſt me in their ſeveral Pariſhes, and where they could not prevail with ſuch who voted ſingly for me in the laſt Election, to give a Vote for one or both the other Candidates, they ſhould deſire them to ſtay at home; and in order to this, his Lordſhip ſent them Copies of the Poll of their reſpective Pariſhes.

III. He aſperſed me to his Clergy, branding me and my Anceſtors with ſeveral Vices; and at his Confirmation and Viſitations ſolicited his Clergy to vote againſt me, repreſenting me as very unfit to ſerve in Parliament, and threatning them with his Diſpleaſure, if they did not vote againſt me.

IV. He aſperſed me and my Anceſtors to ſeveral of the Layety, who were his Tenants, and threatned them, That if they would not vote againſt me, they ſhould never Renew any Eſtate under him, and that he would ſet ſuch Marks upon them, that his Succeſſors ſhould not ſuffer them nor their Children to Renew any more.

V. Mr. Lloyd, the Biſhop's Son, aſperſed me, and gave ſcandalous Characters of me to ſeveral Freeholders, whom he ſollicited to vote againſt me, and told them, I voted for bringing in a French Government.

VI. The Biſhop's Secretary aſperſed me to ſeveral Freeholders in the like manner, repreſenting me as unfit to Sit in the Houſe, threatning them with the Biſhop's Diſpleaſure; and ſaid, They might as well vote for the Prince of Wales as for me.

After which, the Witneſſes to the reſpective Heads were ſeverally called in and examined at the Bar thereunto, viz.

Mr. *William Norton* being Examined, ſaith, That he had a Letter from the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*'s Secretary Mr. *Evans*; that the Biſhop would ſpeak with him; that he went accordingly that Night to wait upon his Lordſhip; and upon his attending his Lordſhip, his Lordſhip told him, That he took it unkindly that he made Intereſt for Sir *John Pakington*; That his Lordſhip had ſent his Bailiff to engage Votes for Mr. *Bromley* and Mr. *Walſh*, and he was ſorry that this Examinant ſhould be for his Enemy Sir *John Pakington*; and that his Lordſhip would ſend to Sir *John Pakington* to deſiſt from ſtanding for Knight of the Shire; and if he would not deſiſt, his Lordſhip was to Viſit his Clergy, and he would ſet Sir *John Pakington* out in his Colours; The ſaid Examinant being asked, what Reaſons his Lordſhip gave, why Sir *John Pakington* was his Enemy, ſaid, He did not give him any Reaſons, but that his Lordſhip believed he would do any thing in his power to Ruin him.

Mr. *Charles Stephens*, Rector of *Hampton Lovet*, being Examined, ſaith, That on the 30th of *June* laſt, he received a Letter from the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, under his own Hand, to attend him at *Worceſter* before his Lordſhip went his Viſitation; This Examinant attended his Lordſhip accordingly, who deſired this Examinant to deliver a Meſſage to Sir *John Pakington*, to deſiſt from ſtanding for one of the Knights of the Shire; this was in the Preſence of the Chancellor; He ſaid, That Sir *John* ſhould name any body whom he pleaſed, and that his Lordſhip ſhould take it very ill if any of the Clergy Voted for Sir *John Pakington*; and if any of his Tenants did, they ſhould not Renew their Leaſes in his time, and he would leave ſuch intimation to his Succeſſors as ſhould make them of his Mind; and that if Sir *John* would not deſiſt, he ſhould be obliged to ſpeak againſt him at the Viſitation. This Examinant being asked what Reaſons the Biſhop gave for his being againſt Sir *John Pakington*, he ſaid his Lordſhip urged againſt him the Pamphlet written in defence of the Bill againſt the Tranſlation of Biſhops; Being asked if he knew of any that had diſperſed any of thoſe Pamphlets; He ſaid, that the Biſhop ſaid, That Sir *John Pakington*'s Servants had diſperſed them; but this Examinant ſaith, that he had none given him, but half a dozen which were directed to him, he knows not by whom, but believes they came no further than from *Worceſter*, being

ing brought by one *Davies* a Carrier, of *Wich*, as he thinks; Being asked ſeveral Queſtions about divers Pamphlets, if he had ſeen them, he ſaid he had bought one at *Worceſter*, being a Vindication of the Bill againſt the Tranſlation of Biſhops, and that he had ſeen another, being a pretended Anſwer, which was ſent him in a blank Caſe from *London*, he knows not from whom, and that he never diſperſed any, being always cautious in ſuch Matters; Being ask'd, if that Cover was Frank'd with Sir *John Pakington*'s Name, he ſaid it was not. This Examinant ſaith, That after Dinner, at the Viſitation at *Bromſgrove*, the Lord Biſhop ſaid, every body might expect Juſtice from him, but not Favour, if they Voted for Sir *John Pakington*; Being asked, whether the Biſhop charged him upon his Canonical Obedience, he ſaid No, but that his Lordſhip told Mr. *Bolles* of *Hagley*, who ſaid he could not Vote as the Biſhop deſired him, being oblig'd by his Patron to Vote for Sir *John Pakington*; the Biſhop replied, And are you not obliged to me? have you not lately ſworn Canonical Obedience? I am ſure you have. This Examinant being asked, if he had any Living, he ſaid that Sir *John Pakington* had preſented him to *Hampton Lovet*. He ſaid further, That his Lordſhip charged ſeveral Immoralities upon Sir *John Pakington*, and being asked the Particulars, ſaid, he charged him with Drunkenneſs, Swearing and Whoredom. That his Lordſhip inſiſted at his Viſitation very much upon the Pamphlets, particularly that Paſſage about cutting down Wood; and his Lordſhip ſaid, that he could give a very good Account of that; and that there were divers Paſſages in the Pamphlet reflecting upon ſeveral Biſhops. That after Dinner, at the Viſitation at *Bromſgrove* aforeſaid, his Lordſhip's Secretary, Mr. *Evans*, ſtood at the Door to endeavour to keep every body in the Room until his Lordſhip had particularly ſpoken to them, and was not willing to let any one go out but this Examinant.

Mr. *John Cheatle* being Examined, ſaith, That he was at the Viſitation at *Bromſgrove*, in *July* laſt, that he met Mr. *Evans*, the Lord Biſhop's Secretary, on the Stairs-head, who preſſed him very much to go in to his Lordſhip, which this Examinant was unwilling to do; and being deſirous to know the Buſineſs the Lord Biſhop would ſpeak to him of, Mr. *Evans* told him, my Lord expected he ſhould Vote for Mr. *Bromley* and Mr. *Walſh*: This Examinant told him, That he was engaged, for he had promiſed Sir *John Pakington*,

That

That the Secretary told him in great Anger, That then he muſt not expect to come within his Lordſhip's Doors any more. He ſays, That he is a Receiver of ſome of the Biſhop's Rents, and that he voted only for Sir *John Pakington.*

Being asked a Queſtion which related to the ſaid Election; but being Diſcourſe that the Lord Biſhop had with him alone, the Examinant ſaid he was Receiver of the Biſhop's Rents, and that he deſired the Judgment of the Houſe, whether it was fit for him to relate that, and then withdrew, And the Houſe did not think fit to examine him to that Point, but called him in to other Matters.

Mr. *Thomas Wellens*, Curate of *Alfrick* and *Lulſly*, being called in and examined about a Letter ſent to him by Mr. *Evans*, the Biſhop's Secretary, Mr. *Wellens* and the aforeſaid Mr. *Cheatle* proved it to be Mr. *Francis Evans*, the Biſhop's Secretary's Hand. The Letter was read, and is as followeth.

Alfrick.		*Lulſley.*	
John Field	P.	Edm^d^. Kinnerd	P
Reynold Barbor	P		
W^m^. Woodcock	P		
Sam. Hall	P		
Joſ. Joyner	P		
John Gillam	P		
Rich^d^. Kendrick	P		
Walter Meeks	P		
Sam. Meeks	P		
Tho. Smith	P		
Fran. Skinner	P		
Rich^d^. Portman	P. B		
Rich^d^. Markham	P. W		
Sam. Smith	B. W		
Chriſtopher Gorey	W		

Worceſter, 30 *June*, 1702.

Mr. Wellens,

MY *Lord finds that the Freeholders at* Alfrick *and* Lulſley *Voted as above, the laſt Election, 12 of them ſingly for* Sir John Pakington. *His Lordſhip does not think him a fit Perſon to repreſent the County in Parliament, for many Reaſons, and therefore deſires you'l uſe all the Intereſt you have in the*

C Gentlemen

Gentlemen above to Vote for Mr. Bromley *and* Mr. Walſh, *and in caſe they are ſtill engaged for* Sir John P. *if they do Vote, deſire them to give a ſecond Vote either for* Mr. Bromley *or* Mr. Walſh, *or rather to ſtay at Home, and ſo not Vote at all: Whatever Service you can do in this Affair, will be very kindly taken by his Lordſhip. If there be any other Freeholders that did not Vote at laſt Election, his Lordſhip deſires you'l endeavour to prevail with them to Vote for* Mr. Bromley *and* Mr. Walſh. *I am*

Your Friend and Servant,

Fra. Evans.

For the R^d Mr. *Wellens*, Curate of *Alfrick* and *Lulſley*. Theſe.

The ſaid Mr. *Wellens* being farther examined, ſaith, That ſome time after, he met Mr. *Evans* at *Worceſter*, and told him he had received his Letter, but that it came too late, his Neighbours being engaged before.

Mr. *Thomas Powntney*, Rector of *Fladbury*, being examined, ſaith, That he did receive a Letter from the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, by one *Taylor* an Apparitor; and the Letter being ſhewed him, he owned it to be the ſame Letter, ſigned by his Lordſhip's own Hand. He ſaith, That he ſhewed the Letter to Mr. *Hodge*, as the Biſhop deſired him in the ſaid Letter. The Letter was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Hartlebury, *July* 29. 1702.

SIR,

I *Think I have more Reaſon to hope for ſomething of Conſideration from you, than from moſt others of the Clergy of this Dioceſe, and ſomething alſo more from the Freeholders in your Pariſh, than in moſt other Parts of the County; and therefore I thought I had Reaſon to take it ill of your Neighbours, that they ſhould give their Votes as they did, for the chooſing of Sir* J. Pakington *to be Knight of the Shire, when, in order to that very Election, he had* pub-

publiſh'd Two Libels, full of horrible Lies, againſt my ſelf, and ſeveral others of the Biſhops, that had never given him the leaſt Provocation. This grieved me much, but yet I had wherewith to comfort my ſelf, in believing that thoſe Libels might not have come to their knowledge; tho' as I ſince underſtand great Care was taken by Sir John's Agents to publiſh them all over your Neighbourhood. But now ſince, I underſtand there is a Third Libel come abroad, which is written againſt me in particular. The declar'd cauſe of it is not only my oppoſing Sir J. P's Election, which, after my coming into the Country, and finding his Libels publiſh'd among my Tenants by his Servants, I ſent him word I thought my ſelf obliged to do, unleſs he would be pleaſed to deſiſt from ſtanding, as I earneſtly deſir'd him to do more than once; But this Author hath found, that I was the Writer of a Printed half Sheet, called, The Character of a Churchman, and that this was written againſt Sir J. P. for hindering his Election; and for this he ſcourges me moſt unmercifully, with ſuch a Tongue as that St. James deſcribes. For that Character of a Churchman, I do declare to you in the Preſence of God, That I neither writ it, nor know the Author of it; but I certainly know, That Sir J. P. is not once mention'd in it, nor had I at the time when that was Printed any Breach with Sir J. P. nor occaſion to do this with reſpect to the Election, for it was Printed before I came to London, and that was before the Diſſolution of the former Parliament, which if I had foreſeen, I had certainly ſtaid longer in the Country. After all this, it is true that I ſent a great number of thoſe half Sheets into the Country, as I did of ſuch other ſmall Things, upon ſeveral Accounts. They were ſent chiefly on the account of our unhappy Differences in Convocation, and for promoting the moſt pious Deſigns

ſigns of Reformation. On this laſt account it was that I ſent this Character of a Churchman, *without making any Reflection upon any particular Perſon. I did indeed know, that the Devil would be mad at me for it, and now I have found the Effects of his Wrath: He hath ſet a Son of his to write againſt me, which I thank God is the worſt he can do. This Account I have given you of this Third Libel, in hopes it may have ſome Effect upon you and your Neighbour* Mr. Hodge, *to whom I deſire you to ſhew what I have written. I hope you will both of you conſider, whether any ſuch Promiſe as that you have made to this Gentleman, to make him your Repreſentative in Parliament, can oblige you to any thing elſe but Repentance of your having made ſuch a Promiſe, and to bring forth Fruits meet for Repentance. For my part, I leave this upon your Souls, deſiring you both to do in this Matter as you think you can beſt anſwer it to God at the great Day, which I doubt not you believe, and expect as well as I. I pray God direct you. I am*

Your Faithful Friend

and Dioceſan,

W. Worceſter.

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The Encloſed is a List of the Voters from Fladbury at the laſt Election. I pray God direct them this time to Vote better, or to ſtay away.

Hen. Cooks	P	H. Wm Tomlins	P
Jon Knowles	P	M. Jon Francis	P
William Cole	P	M. Wm Gibbs	P
Tho. Weſton	P	Richd Taylor	P
Richard [illegible]	P	Richd Tandy	P
Joſ. Ganderton	P	H. M. Arthr Charlet	P
Jon Bachelor	P	H. M. Rich. Farr	P
Tho. Day	P	B. Tho. Barkes	B. W.
H. M. Tho. Woodward	P	Tho. Hemblow	P
James Beaſon	P	Jon Hopkins	P
H. M. Tho. Sanders	P	Willm Kings	B. W.
Edward Marſhall	P	Will. Haywood	B
Jon Bluck	P	H. M. Joſ. Charlet	P. B
Jon Smith	P	S. B. Jon Sale	P
Arth. Gutteridge	P	B. Wm Abry	P
Jon Weaver	P	Wm Buſhell	P
Will. Francis	P	A. M. Robt Wright	P
Cl. Perks	P	Barth. Hopkins	P
Jon Hopkins	P	St. B. Jon Moor	P
Mr. Will. Weſton	P	Richd Buſhell	P
S. G. Jeffrey Hopkins	P	Jon Bluck	P
M. Hen. Gibbs	P	Tho. Francis	P

To the Reverend Mr. Pountney, *Rector of* Fladbury.

This Examinant being aſked about Pamphlets, he ſaith, That *The Character of a Churchman* was brought to him by the Churchwardens, who received it with the Proclamation from the Apparitor.

Sir *John Pakington* produced another Letter, directed, *To the Reverend Mr.* Mugg, *Rector of* Inkberrow; which Mr. *Chetle* aforeſaid proves to be the Lord Biſhop's Hand. The ſaid Letter from the Biſhop was encloſed in a Letter from Mr. *Mugg* to Sir *John Pakington*, and delivered by Mr. *Mugg* to

to Sir *John Pakington*'s Servant, who delivered it to his Maſter. The Letters are as follow, *viz.*

S I R,

I *Have here encloſed the Biſhop of* Worceſter's *Letter, which deterr'd me from coming to your laſt Election, againſt my own moſt earneſt Inclination, to attend and promote it as formerly I did; and refer to* Mr. Apletree *and other Gentlemen to ſay what Influence it had more than my ſingle Vote, with reſpect to my Age and longer Reſidence in the County than others of the Clergy. But this Biſhop has been ſo ſevere in promoting and abetting unjuſt Proſecutions againſt me, to my vaſt Damage and Loſs of Eſtate in other place. And ſince his coming into this Dioceſe have I juſt Cauſe to complain of that want of Diſcipline, which from his Conſiſtory Court ſhould have been exerted againſt Lewdneſs in my Pariſh; which I take worſe than his repeated Endeavours to deprive me of my Eſtate. I would lay the Matters in particular, and give Perſonal Teſtimony in ſeveral Inſtances, if I may be permitted a further Day. But* Thurſday *next muſt attend a Commiſſion then held at* Nottingham: *Afterwards, as I have Intimation, all Excuſes and Delays ſet aſide, ſhall be ready to appear, not only to ſerve you in this Cauſe, but for neceſſary vindicating the Right of the* Commons, *and that Property of the Subject that is infring'd by ſuch* Means *and* Methods *as I know this Biſhop has uſed.*

I am, Sir,

Your moſt Faithful
Humble Servant,

Hen. Mugge,
Vicar of Inkborough.

15 Novemb. 1702.

To the Honourable Sir *John Pakington* Bar. Member of Parliament, humbly preſent.

SIR,

YOU cannot but have heard, and probably have ſeen how the Biſhops of this Church in general, and 5 or 6 of them in particular, have been abuſed with impudent Lies in two Libels that were publiſhed by Sir John Pakington *almoſt a Year ſince, in order to his laſt Election. At that time I had not given him the leaſt Provocation; and for the other abuſed Biſhops, few of them knew his Face. Since that time, finding at my Return from* London, *where I was all the while he was libelling me in the Country, that he had publiſhed theſe Libels, ſome of them with his own Hands, and the reſt by his Agents, I could not but think my ſelf obliged by all honeſt ways to oppoſe his Election, if he would ſtand; which I ſent to him 3 times to let him know, and to deſire he would forbear.*

Hereupon there comes out a third Libel againſt me, which I have only ſeen, but could not get a Copy of it. I never ſaw any thing writ with ſuch a furious Rage of railing, and ſcoffing, and lying; which, I thank God, can do me no hurt, nor will it do him Service, if I may ſo call it, in promoting his Election, which I think would be the greateſt hurt that could happen to him.

It is for the preventing of this that I write to my Friends, earneſtly to deſire them to get what Votes they can for Mr. Bromley *and* Mr. Walſh; *and to keep away as many as they can of them that will Vote for Sir* John Pakington.

Your Diligence in this Matter will lay a very great Obligation upon,

Sir,

Your faithful Friend,

and Dioceſan,

W. Worceſter.

I have ſent you the encloſed, to ſhew you how the Votes of your Pariſh went at the laſt Election.

To the Reverend Mr. Mugg,
Rector of *Inkberrow.*

Inkberrow.

John Philips	B	Tho. Marſhall	P. B
John Bennet	P	George Court	B
John Gore	W	Hen. Dyſon	B
Job Watts	P	Robt Boney	B
Willm Walford	P	Willm Wren	B
Geo. Darby	P	Robt Willis	P
Rich. Eaton	P	Tho. Briſtow	P
Willm Barber	B. W	Richd Dewce	P
Hen. Hunt	P	Hen. Glover	P
Tho. Huntles	P	Tho. Tomkins	P. B
Hen. Smith	P	Tho. Ganderton	P
Edwd Millard	P	Walter Steward	P
Edwd Griffin	P	John Harbage	P
Edwd Harriot	P	James Hemmings	P
Sam. Tandy	P	William Harvey	B. W
Robt Biddle	P	Hum. Eaton	P
Nich. Hoblins	P	Willm Mallard	P
Tho. Hopkins	P	Tho. Lucas	P. B
Geo. Gore	P. W	Willm Soley	P
John Churchly	P	Robt Willis	P
John Appletree	P.B	Mich. Jones	P. B
John Sheldon	P	Willm Hunt	P. B
Tho. Walford	P.B		

Mr.

[illegible] *Holy* Orders, being examined, ſaith, That [illegible] to vote againſt [illegible] and [illegible] would [illegible] perſuaded him to [illegible] the [illegible] Promiſe to [illegible] that if he Voted for [illegible] by Wicked and [illegible] that Sir *John* had [illegible] him; this Examinant ſaid, he hoped not. His Lordſhip told him of a Book, and ſaid he believed he had it, which this Examinant denied. His Lordſhip proceeded then to give ſome account of the Book, and to [illegible] and ſaid, That Sir *John Pakington* was a Whoremonger, a Drunkard, and Swearer; and [illegible] fit to be Law-Makers. This Examinant told his Lordſhip, he was engaged to go to give his Vote. The Biſhop ſaid, That Sir *John Pakington* had ſpoiled him and other Biſhops. And in [illegible] his Lordſhip ſaid, Whoever voted for Sir *John Pakington*, he ſhould not think him fit to be a Clergyman. And when his Lordſhip renewed the Diſcourſe another time, this Examinant told him of his Promiſe. His Lordſhip ſaid, It was an ill thing, and that this Examinant could not think himſelf obliged to do an ill thing. Being asked, if the Biſhop did urge any thing of Canonical Obedience; he anſwered, that he ſaid nothing of it.

Mr. *William Bolles* of *Hadley*, being examined, ſaith, That at the Viſitation at *Bromſgrove*, the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter* told this Examinant, That being now come into his Lordſhip's Dioceſs, he expected he ſhould not give his Vote for Sir *John Pakington*, and if he did, he muſt expect no Favour from his Lordſhip. This Examinant told his Lordſhip, that he had great Obligations to his Patron, to whom he had promiſed to vote for Sir *John Pakington*. The Biſhop told him, that he had Obligations to him, and that he had lately ſworn Canonical Obedience to him. This Examinant ſaid to the Biſhop, That Sir *John Pakington*'s Family had been always of great Repute, and asked the Biſhop his Opinion of the Lady *Pakington* who was ſaid to be the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*; his Lordſhip replied, That Lady was a very Excellent Woman, but that Sir *John* had inherited the Vices of the Males of his Family, but none of the Virtues of the Females. Being asked whether the Biſhop had given him any Preferment; he ſaid, his Lordſhip had given him a ſmall *Prebend* in the Church of *Lichfield*.

Mr. *Thomas Gibſon*, [illegible] being [illegible], That the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter* firſt ſpoke to [illegible] Confirmation at *Perſhore*, about three days before the [illegible] tion at *Eveſham*, concerning [illegible] Sir *John Pakington*; and ſollicited him [illegible] to Vote [illegible] ſhop told him, That Sir [illegible] was [illegible] Man, [illegible] unfit to repreſent the County. He told his Lordſhip he was under an Obligation, having given his Word. The Biſhop ſaid, that if this Examinant gave his Vote for Sir *John Pakington*, he ſhould think that this Examinant thought his Lordſhip not fit to be his Biſhop. After [illegible] Confirmation at *Eveſham*, the Lord Biſhop called this Examinant before the whole Clergy, and asked him if he had [illegible] ed of what he had ſpoke to him at *Perſhore*: He told his Lordſhip, that he hoped he had been ſatisfied with [illegible] ſwer: His Lordſhip ſaid, he was not; and added, [illegible] this Examinant voted for Sir *John Pakington*, he ſhould look upon him to be the pooreſt, wretchedeſt, vileſt, deluded Hypocrite in the World: And that they [illegible] know Sir *John Pakington*'s Party, for the Papiſts and Quakers were for him! This Examinant replied, The Papiſts have no Votes, and the Diſſenters and Fanaticks are of your Lordſhip's ſide.

Mr. *William Thomas* Clerk, being examined, ſaith, That he did receive a Letter from Mr. *Evans*, the Lord Biſhop's Secretary, to Vote for Mr. *Bromley* and Mr. *Walſh*; and that Mr. *Evans* ſaid, that if this Examinant voted for Sir *John Pakington*, it would be taken to be in oppoſition to the Lord Biſhop. This Examinant did alſo receive a Letter from Mr. *Lloyd*, the Biſhop's Son, to the ſame purpoſe, adding further, that Sir *John Pakington* was no Friend to the Church.

Mr. *William Norton* was again call'd in, and being examin'd, ſaith, That the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter* ſent for him, and preſſed him to give his Vote and uſe his Intereſt for Mr. *Bromley* and Mr. *Walſh*: This Examinant told his Lordſhip, he had given his Word to Vote for Sir *John Pakington*: His Lordſhip ſaid, Sir *John* was not a Man fit to ſit in the Houſe of Commons; That he was a Man that ſtrikes at the Government; That he was Debauched and Lewd, and ſo was his Father and Grandfather; That his Father had filled [illegible] full of Jacobitiſm, that it could not be rooted out: This Examinant ſaid, That he thought Sir *John Pakington* was a True Church of *England*-Man as by Law eſtabliſhed; his Lordſhip

L[illegible] replied, That he was of the Prince of *Wales*'s [illegible] Exami- [illegible] Lordship said, [illegible] ? [illegible] The Bi- [illegible] Ha[illegible] he [illegible] never renew again as long [illegible] that he would put such a Mark upon him, that [illegible] time. A few days [illegible] the Bishop's Secretary [illegible] this Examinant to Vote against [illegible], to stay at home, and not Vote at all [illegible] to disoblige the Lord Bishop; and added, [illegible] Votes, his Lordship would have you [illegible] way; for [illegible] Charge [illegible] this Examinant [illegible]

Mr. *Robert [illegible]* being examined, saith, That some time before the [illegible] Election, the Lord Bishop of *Worcester* sent for him on a Sunday in the Evening, and told him, he was resolved [illegible] Sir *John Pakington* [illegible] Election, [illegible] of his Tenants Voted for Sir *John Pakington*, they should never renew their Estates any more as long as he lived. He told his Lordship he could not Vote against Sir *John Pakington*, because he had promised his Vote for Sir *John Pakington*, but to oblige his Lordship, he was willing to stay at home. His Lordship answered, he had as lieve he should run a Sword against him, as offer him that [illegible]: Staying at home should not serve his turn: That unless this Examinant would Vote against Sir *John Pakington*, he should never renew any thing with him; and he would set such a Mark upon him to shew his Successors, that neither this Examinant, nor any of his, should ever renew [illegible] more. This Examinant answered, My Lord, you have often told me, that I and my Ancestors have held our Estate under the Bishoprick for many Hundred Years, as appears by your Books; and I hope your Lordship will not do so ill a thing, as to ruin me and my Children: His Lordship replied, It is your own Fault, you may thank your self for it. Being asked, Who he Voted for? He said, For Sir *John Pakington* only, [illegible]

[illegible] *Robert* [illegible]

[illegible]

Sir *John* [illegible] Vote [illegible] Examinant [illegible] already [illegible] not give him his Vote, [illegible] was [illegible] Men [illegible] Whig [illegible] [illegible] Vote [illegible] Accordingly [illegible] who [illegible] Resolu[illegible] Sir *John P*[illegible] given his Promise to Mr. [illegible] told him [illegible] that Promise; [illegible] Sir *John* was a very unfit [illegible] he inherited his Father's and Grandfather's [illegible] Grandmother's Virtues: That he would [illegible] him to [illegible] home, and pretend Business; and then [illegible] suaded him to pretend to be sick [illegible] insisted that he had given his Promise [illegible] Vote for Sir *John Pakington*. Mr. *Lloyd* [illegible] minant, That Sir *John Pakington* Voted for [illegible] *French* Government, and so did Mr. *Winnington*, and [illegible] Party: And that if this Examinant did not please [illegible] Mr. *Lloyd* in his Voting, this Examinant might never come near him more.

At the time of the Election Mr. *Lloyd* came to this Examinant, at the Booth where the Election was, and [illegible] he was better than his Word, for he [illegible] only [illegible] Sir *John Pakington*, but made Interest [illegible] told this Examinant, He would be even with him [illegible] accordingly, when this Examinant was Hunting [illegible] after the Election, he sent his Servants and broke [illegible] Examinant's Stable-Door, and took away his [illegible] and his Gun and Nets, which this Examinant had [illegible] from him to keep in the Lord Bishop's Manor, and [illegible] Mr. *Lloyd* had often made uſe of for his own Diversion; [illegible] when he complained to Mr. *Lloyd* about it, he [illegible] this Examinant for having Voted and made Interest [illegible] Sir *John Pakington*; and reminded him of his [illegible] Election, That he would be even with him. [illegible] nant further ſaid, That he had been, before [illegible] taken, to wait upon the ſaid Mr. *Lloyd*, and [illegible] him away his Dog, Gun and Nets, if they [illegible] him [illegible] Offence [illegible]

Offence; and that Mr. *Lloyd* ſaid he need not do that, that thoſe were Trifles; and therefore this Examinant thought he would not have ſeized his Dog: Mr. *Lloyd* replied, If I had told you what I intended, you would have ſent your Dog away. This Examinant being asked, Whether there was any Warrant for breaking open his Stable, ſaid, That he underſtood Mr. *Soley* had granted a Warrant to take his Dog and Nets; but that there was no Conſtable with them when they broke open the Door.

Mr. *Richard Griffin* being examined, ſaith, That Mr. *Lloyd* the firſt Sunday after he came home, asked this Examinant whether he had promiſed his Vote for any one, and for whom; he replyed, he had promiſed Sir *John Pakington*. Mr. *Lloyd* told this Examinant he did very ill to promiſe before the Lord Biſhop came down; and that he ſhould have my Lord's Ill Will if he Voted for Sir *John Pakington*, for he was not a fit Man to ſit in Parliament, for he aims to bring in a *French* Government. Four or Five days before the Election, Mr. *Lloyd* ſent to this Examinant again, and deſired him to Vote for Mr. *Bromley* and Mr. *Walſh*. This Examinant replied, that he ought to be as good as his Word, having promiſed Sir *John Pakington*. Mr. *Lloyd* then told him, he ſhould have the Lord Biſhop's Ill Will, and would have him ſtay at home. This Examinant then ſaid, he would go, becauſe he had promiſed. Upon that Mr. *Lloyd* replied, If you do go, I wiſh you may lie lame a Month after it. At another time, Mr. *Evans*, the Lord Biſhop's Secretary, deſired this Examinant to ſtay at home, and not appear for Sir *John Pakington*, for the Biſhop would be very angry with him if he ſhould. This Examinant further ſaith, that he had taken in a Piece of Land, and that Mr. *Evans* told this Examinant, that ſince he would not pleaſe my Lord Biſhop in Voting againſt Sir *John Pakington*, he would throw open his Incloſure; and accordingly the ſaid Incloſure was twice thrown open, and his Quick Hedge taken away: And that one *Gregſon*, a Servant of the Biſhop's, told this Examinant that he did it by Mr. *Evans*'s order.

John Harwood being examined, ſaith, That ſome few days before the laſt Election, there was a Meeting of ſome Neighbours, where Mr. *Evans*, the Biſhop's Secretary, was preſent. Mr. *Evans* told the Company, they were all Honeſt Men of one mind, except *Harwood*, pointing to this Examinant; for, ſays he, he is the only Man that will Vote for

Sir *John Pakington*, who is not fit to be a Parliament-Man, for he is a Drunkard, and a Lover of Women: Which put this Examinant into a Paſſion, and cauſed him to Swear; and the ſaid Mr. *Evans* pretended to number the Oaths by his Buttons. Afterward the ſaid Mr. *Evans* ſent the Biſhop's Keeper in Mr. *Evans's* Name, to fetch this Examinant to him, who told him, he muſt pay Five Pounds for Swearing, but if he would Vote for Mr. *Bromley* and Mr. *Walſh*, he would remit it. This Examinant told him, he would conſider of it. Mr. *Evans* told him, he had as good Vote for the Prince of *Wales* as for Sir *John Pakington*. Being asked, who told him he would remit the Five Pounds; he anſwered, Mr. *Evans*.

Thomas Twitty Gent. being examined, ſaith, That the day before the laſt Election, being in the College Church at *Worceſter*, juſt as his Lordſhip went out of the Church, Mr. *Evans* the Biſhop's Secretary came to this Examinant, from his Lordſhip, and told him, That his Lordſhip hoped this Examinant would not Vote for Sir *John Pakington*; for that Sir *John* was a very Ill Man, and voted ill in the Houſe of Commons. This Examinant replyed, if he Voted at all, he ſhould Vote ſingly for Sir *John Pakington*. And this Examinant asked Mr. *Evans*, What was the reaſon his Lordſhip made ſuch Intereſt againſt Sir *John Pakington*. He told him, that Sir *John Pakington* had abuſed his Lordſhip; and asked this Examinant if he had ſeen *The Character of a Churchman*, and *Of a Low Churchman*. This Examinant asked him, if the Lord Biſhop had wrote the Character of a Churchman: He ſaid, he could not tell but that his Lordſhip had ſeen and approved it; and that his Lordſhip did not think Sir *John Pakington* a fit Perſon to repreſent the Country. And then he was ordered to withdraw.

Sir *John Pakington* inform'd the Houſe, That he had ſeveral other Perſons to ſpeak to the ſame Particulars that the Witneſſes had already given their Evidence to: But that having detain'd the Houſe ſo long already, he would ſubmit what his Witneſſes had ſaid, to the Judgment of the Houſe; and ſo withdrew.

Whereupon the Houſe, after mature Conſideration, came to the following Reſolutions:

Reſolved

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente,

That Sir *John Pakington* has by Evidence fully made out the Charge which he Exhibited againſt the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*.

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente,

That Sir *John Pakington* has by Evidence fully made out the Charge againſt Mr. *Lloyd*, the ſaid Lord Biſhop's Son.

Reſolved,

That it appears to this Houſe, That the Proceedings of *William* Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, his Son, and his Agents, in order to the hindering the Election of a Member for the County of *Worceſter*, has been Malicious, Unchriſtian, and Arbitrary, in high Violation of the Liberties and Privileges of the Commons of *England*.

Reſolved,

That an humble Addreſs be preſented to Her Majeſty, That She will be Graciouſly pleaſed to Remove *William* Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter* from being Lord Almoner to Her Majeſty.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolution and Addreſs be Preſented to Her Majeſty by ſuch Members of this Houſe as are of Her Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Matter relating to the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, be Adjourned till this Day Sevenight.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney-General do Proſecute Mr. *Lloyd*, the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*'s Son, for his ſaid Offences, after his Privilege as a Member of the Lower Houſe of Convocation is out.

Veneris 20. *die Novembris* 1702.

Mr. Comptroller reported to the Houſe, That their Reſolution and Addreſs to Her Majeſty for the removing *William* Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, from being Lord Almoner to Her Majeſty, had been preſented to Her Majeſty; and that Her Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt Gracious Anſwer.

I Am very ſorry that there is occaſion for this Addreſs againſt the Biſhop of Worceſter: *I ſhall Order and Direct, that he ſhall no longer continue to ſupply the Place of Almoner, but I will put another in his room to perform that Office.*

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the moſt humble Thanks of this [House] be returned to Her Majeſty, for Her Majeſty's [most gracious] Anſwer to their Addreſs relating to *William* Lord [Bishop of] *Worceſter*.

Ordered, That Mr. Comptroller of Her Majeſty's Houſ[hold] do return the ſaid moſt humble Thanks of this Houſe to [Her] Majeſty.

Mercurii 25 die Novembris 1702.

The Order of the Day for taking into further Conſidera[tion] the Matter relating to the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, be[ing] read:

Ordered, That the Evidence given at the Bar of [this] Houſe, upon the Charge of Sir *John Pakington* againſt [*Wil-*] *liam* Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, and Mr. *Lloyd* his Son, [be] Printed; Together with the Proceedings of this Ho[use] thereupon.

Ordered, That the Clerk's Books in relation to the [said] Evidence be Examined: And that Mr. Speaker do take C[are] of the Printing the ſaid Evidence and Proceedings.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Matter [re-] lating to the Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, be Adjourned till th[is] Day Sevenight.

BY *Virtue of an Order of the Houſe of Common[s], I do Appoint* Edw. Jones *and* Timothy Goodwin *to Print the Evidence given at the Bar of the Houſe o[f] Commons, upon the Complaint of Sir* John Pakington *againſt* William *Lord Biſhop of* Worceſter, *And* Mr. Lloyd, *his Son; Together with the Proceedings o[f] the Houſe of Commons thereupon: And that no othe[r] Perſon Preſume to Print the ſame.*

R O. HARLEY, Speaker.

FINIS.